

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Antelope) Application No. 911-023.26
County, Public Safety Answering)
Point, Neligh, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST IN PART
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: April 10, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated February 16, 2006, Antelope County, Neligh, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Antelope County seeks non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$89,396.20** for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Antelope County currently uses Motorola Centralink equipment which will no longer be supported by the manufacturer, therefore crippling the County's ability to maintain and upgrade the equipment.

Antelope County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor, Frontier. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Antelope County's request at its March 23, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$89,396.20**.

The costs are consistent with Frontier's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP). All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are set forth in the confidential attachment Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

The Commission finds that the funding request shall be granted in full as the pricing complies with Frontier's response to the RFP.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$89,396.20** in non-recurring costs subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Antelope County the amount of **\$89,396.20** consistent with the terms of this order and the amounts set forth in Appendix A. All amounts approved are subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Antelope County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Antelope County the amount of **\$89,396.20**, consistent with the terms of this order and the amounts set forth in Appendix A for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10th day of
April, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director